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# CELEBRATION SERVICE

*First United Methodist Church*

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

*Monday - August 8, 2005*



*Sue Gunter*

May 22, 1939 - August 4, 2005

*Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.*

Psalm 31:5

**"A teacher affects eternity;  
she can never tell where  
her influence stops."**



## **The Rose Still Grows Beyond The Wall**

*Near a shady wall a rose once grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,  
Watered and fed by morning dew,  
Shedding its sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,  
It came to a crevice in the wall,  
Through which there shone a beam of light.*

*Onward it crept with added strength,  
With never a thought of fear or pride.  
It followed the light through the crevice's length  
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view  
Were found the same as they were before;  
And it lost itself in beauties new,  
Breathing its fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,  
And make our courage faint or fail?  
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive:  
The rose still grows beyond the wall.*

*Scattering fragrance far and wide,  
Just as it did in days of yore,  
Just as it did on the other side,  
Just as it will for evermore.*

## **Memorial Service**

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Prelude

The Word of Grace

Hymn 117 O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Solo How Great Thou Art

Words of Remembrance  
Ann Meyers Drysdale  
Pokey Chatman

Solo You Raise Me Up

The Proclamation of Good News

Hymn 378 Amazing Grace

The Commendation

The Benediction

Postlude For All The Saints



"She not only made a huge difference in my life, but in the life of everyone associated with women's basketball. I am who I am in no small part because of the role she has played in my life -- both as a coach and as a person. I feel a great sense of responsibility to carry on her legacy at LSU. In one way I lost someone very special today -- but in a more important way I know she will always be a part of me."

-*LSU women's basketball head coach Pokey Chatman-*

"When I think of Coach Gunter I think of a woman who gave so much because she wanted to and was genuinely a good person who never wanted anything in return but for you to do your very best in life. That has become an LSU tradition and I am blessed to have been a part of and has made me a better person. I know that without the LSU experience my life would not be the same."

-*Lady Tiger Alumnus Katrina Hibbert-*

"I went to LSU as a girl. When I left there, I was a very responsible woman. All of that is due to Coach Gunter. I'm happy I had a chance to play for her. But I'm sad for all the young ones who won't be fortunate to have her around to show them the way."

-*Lady Tiger Alumnus Marie Ferdinand-*

"LSU will miss Sue Gunter, but will always remember her. She was one of a select few women whose perseverance and dedication to her sport many years ago helped create the popularity of women's athletics that exists today."

-*LSU Director of Athletics Skip Bertman-*

"I loved her. There was always a lot of respect, not just as a coach, but in life. She was an unbelievable friend and sister. I will always cherish what we had. And she was a hell of a coach."

-*ESPN Analyst and Basketball Hall of Famer Ann Meyers-*

"Sue Gunter was a wonderful friend, an exceptional person and an incredibly talented basketball coach. She was one of my mentors. I learned so much from Sue about the X's and O's of the game of basketball. But more importantly, she taught me about the delicate balance of coaching and teaching the game and the value of great player-coach relationships."

-*University of Tennessee Head Coach Pat Summitt-*

"When you look at Sue's record and all the accomplishments throughout her career, it's easy to say that we have lost a great coach. But, in reality we have lost a better person."

-*Ohio State Women's Basketball Coach Jim Foster-*

